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COVER

Air transportation allows frontier missionaries to spend more time with their people groups, bypasses dangerous ground transportation routes, and reduces the missionaries' loneliness.

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EDITORIAL

I'm Writing My Obituary

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Today I'm writing my obituary. I worked on it yesterday—and last week. I plan to edit it a bit tomorrow, too. I'm preparing it to be read by a lot of people. Possibly it will be read at my funeral, although I'm not sure exactly when that will be. I certainly don't plan for that event to come any time soon; but when it does, someone will surely read some kind of an obituary. I want it to be a good one, and I'd like to have some input on what it says.

An obituary is like a summary statement. A lot of things get left out, and a short statement—sometimes just a word or two—is made that says a lot about a person's life. We all use life summaries. We talk about Peter, always quick to speak (but not necessarily the right things); George Washington, the father of our country; or Columbus, who discovered America. These people did many things, but we remember them for a few of the most important things they did or for the passion of their lives. There was Paul, missionary to the Gentiles, and Livingston, missionary to Africa. Even among the living we think of Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa, the home-run hitters.

Sometimes politicians worry about how they will be remembered in history. Even though they may try to shape history by their speeches, what is remembered is more likely to come from their actions. It isn't all about talking the talk. The fact is, it is about walking the walk.

So what will people say about me? How will my obituary read? I am writing it today by the way I live. If my obituary were to be only a line or two long, what would it say? Probably it would not say that I owned a blue car or that I got a degree from some school. I doubt if it would talk about where I worked.

If I had all the options before me (and I do), then I think I would want my obituary to say, "Don Schneider was a man who was friends with Jesus. He talked, preached, and wrote about Him." Wow, that would be a wonderful and awesome obituary. I would just love it. What do you think? Would you like yours to describe your life with Jesus? I'll tell you, the only way to make it happen is to live with Him now. Just now I'm asking Jesus into my heart . . . to write on it the story of our friendship.

Snyders Honored

BY JESSICA GILBERT

Andy and Judy Snyder of Berrien Springs, Michigan, were proclaimed "Missionaries of the Year" for 1998 by Maranatha Volunteers International. The Snyders received Maranatha's highest volunteer recognition at the annual convention held in Oregon, June 25-28.

The Snyders were the ninth recipients of the *Missionary of the Year* award which is given to an individual or couple that has made the most significant volunteer contribution to Maranatha in the past year or over several years. The Maranatha Volunteer Services Committee selects the *Missionary of the Year* based on significant volunteer contributions



Andy and Judy Snyder, of Berrien Springs, Michigan.



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made in the areas of leadership, dedication, service, generosity, loyalty, and spirit.

The Snyders went on their first Maranatha project in February 1972 and have gone on more than 50 construction projects since. When Maranatha began in 1969, membership numbers were assigned. Andy's membership number is 211, so you can see the Snyders have been volunteers since almost the beginning of Maranatha history.

During Maranatha projects, Judy can often be found registering volunteers, cooking meals, painting, cleaning, and doing finishing work. Several years ago when Judy had surgery, her first question to the doctor was, "When can I start climbing ladders?" She was eager to be back on the road with Maranatha. Andy's leadership, skill, and artistry with cement is an invaluable asset to Maranatha projects. He's poured many slabs, smoothed scores of sidewalks, and had his hand in hundreds of foundations and walls of churches, schools and clinics.

When Judy and Andy first volun-

teered with Maranatha, the average number of volunteer projects each year was about four. Today, Maranatha commits to over 100 projects each year. Andy and Judy are seen on many of them—sometimes even taking their grandchildren and introducing them to service and missions.

The Snyders have traveled the world with Maranatha, including India, Ireland, Mexico, Argentina, Australia, Peru, Finland, Panama, Scotland, Chile, and Russia, to name just some of the places they have worked. They, along with thousands of other volunteers, are committed to Maranatha's mission of "changing lives through construction."

Each year over 3,000 volunteers, like the Snyders, travel throughout the world to construct urgently-needed buildings such as churches, schools, clinics, orphanages, and hospitals. Each building serves as a lighthouse of God's love, spreading the good news of salvation.

Jessica Gilbert is the Maranatha Volunteers International vice president for communication

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Amanda Allen isn't sure how Clyde Bagby, a Seventh-day Adventist living in Texas, got her name and address, but the postcard he sent her in May 1997 brought to a conclusion a several-year search for God and His church.

Although Amanda had gone to church as a child, she had long since stopped attending. Now, however, her quest to know more about God led her to visit various churches in the area.

The more Amanda studied her Bible, the less sense the doctrines taught at the churches she was attending made. She asked the pastors questions, but none of them could give her Bible texts to support their positions. "I went from church to church to church," she said. Finally, she told God, "I can't find the right one, and I'm not looking anymore."

That was when she received the postcard from Clyde Bagby containing a Bible verse about Jesus' second coming. Unsure of the verse's meaning, she wrote back, and Clyde sent her some pamphlets. He also contacted Larry Yeagley, Charlotte Church pastor, and told him that she might appreciate a visit.

Larry and his wife, Roberta, went to

see Amanda. "I was surprised at her depth of Bible understanding," said Larry. "It was apparent that she had done a lot of reading." Amanda, in turn, was impressed with his solid biblical answers to her questions. He put her in touch with church member Linda White, who brought her to church a few weeks later.

Amanda immediately felt that the Charlotte Church was somehow different from the other churches she had attended. The people were friendly and welcoming, and she felt God's presence there.

It was that sense of God's presence that convinced her to join the Adventist Church.

Rachel Witaker, Charlotte Church communication leader

Sometimes the pull of the Holy Spirit is so strong that no obstacle is too great to stop honest souls from connecting with the remnant church. The events culminating in the baptism of **Gus and Sally Laslett** of Livonia are a remarkable testimony of how God's Spirit works to answer prayer.

Following the fall 1997 evangelistic series, Frank Haynes, church pastor, admits to feeling rather discouraged about the results of his crusade. The

following February his telephone rang, and Sally Laslett anxiously inquired as to the availability of cassette tapes of the meetings she and her husband, Gus, had missed. They had enjoyed the first few meetings, but family commitments prevented them from continuing to attend.

Frank was overjoyed to supply Gus and Sally with the requested tapes. The couple found the truths they were learning to be so interesting that it didn't take them long to listen to all the tapes, and then they immediately requested baptism.

The attitude and enthusiasm of this couple are an inspiration to all who know them.

Jerry Stevens, Metropolitan Church communication leader

Greg Carey of Cassopolis had been reared in a church-going family, but during his young adult years he chose to stop following his church's teachings. Then more than a year ago, while he was scanning his television channels one day, he paused to watch the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. As he continued to watch their programs, the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart. Next he began to search for a Seventh-day Adventist church in his area. He began attending the Hill Street Church in Dowagiac and joined a small-group Bible study at the church.

Greg was baptized in August.

Lois Fox, Dowagiac Hill Street Church, communication leader



Ending her long search, Amanda Allen was baptized by Larry Yeagley, Charlotte Church pastor.



Mark Hughes, Hill Street Church pastor, presents a baptismal certificate to Greg Carey.

Reaching the Inaccessible with

Mission Aviation

BY DONALD B. STARLIN AS TOLD
TO NADINE PLATNER DOWER

David Gates, an experienced bush pilot with both RN and MBA degrees, was serving as director of computer services for the Caribbean Union and professor of computer science at Caribbean Union College in Trinidad. Traveling frequently

throughout the Caribbean, one of the countries he often visited was Guyana, a country that had recently emerged from 30 years of socialistic/communist rule and was now seeking to open doors for trade and improve relationships with other countries.

David observed, "Few foreign missionaries were serving in Guyana, and there was no missionary medical

or aviation service available to hinterland residents, the Amerindians." (See the sidebar below.) The more he saw there, the more he felt convicted that this was where God wanted him to be.

A former British colony, Guyana is located on the Atlantic Ocean side of northern South America, bordered on the south by Brazil and on the west by

The Man with a *Black Book*

BY MELCHIZEDEK PONNIAH

Early in the 1900s, the chief of the Arecuna and Akawaio tribes, living along the Guyana-Venezuela-Brazil border near Mount Roraima, had a vision in which an angel appeared to him. In the vision, the angel spoke to the chief in his native dialect, telling him about everything from creation to the new earth. He commanded the chief to teach his people and prepare them for His coming. Before the chief died, he led his people in living by the truths revealed to him in the vision. The angel also told him that a white man with a "black book" would come to teach them even more.

In 1911, Ovid E. Davis, president of the Guyana Mission, made the hazardous missionary journey to Mount Roraima in company with an

Indian guide. Canoeing up dangerous rivers, following tortuous jungle trails, and greatly weakened by fever, he reached the Indian tribes near Mount Roraima. He was received with wonder and joy as the promised "man with a black book." He presented to them the gospel story and taught them several Christian songs and the English alphabet.

As he rapidly declined in strength as a result of blackwater fever, he reassured his converts that another "God-man" would come. Elder Davis died, and the Indians buried him on Mount Roraima and raised a large marker over his grave.

Through the ensuing years, travelers to Mount Roraima reported seeing Indians gathered around a missionary's grave singing, "There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus," "Jesus is Coming Again," and "Shall We Gather at the River?" Fourteen

years later, another Adventist missionary went into this area.

From the late 1920s through the mid 1980s, church leaders had very little contact with these people due to travel difficulties and the unavailability of funds. Today, David Gates and his family live in Kaikan, not very far from Mount Roraima.

In June 1998, I had the privilege of visiting the second- and third-generation "Davis Indians" in the villages of Parauima, Kaikan, and Arau. I was amazed at the simple faith of these people. They are anxiously waiting for NET '98 messages to share with their family members and others who are not part of the Adventist faith.

Melchizedek M. Ponniah is vice-president for development at Adventist World Aviation, Berrien Springs, Michigan

FAST FACTS about *Adventist World Aviation*

Mission Statement:

Recognizing the urgency of the gospel commission, Adventist World Aviation (AWA) exists to provide aviation transportation, communications, and logistical support to front-line missions.

What is AWA?

Adventist World Aviation is a missionary-sending agency. As a supporting ministry, AWA operates primarily in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Funded by private contributions, AWA enables missionaries to reach the unreached around the world.

Frontier Facts:

- Up to 75% of a frontier missionary's productive time is spent in travel.

- The leading cause of death among missionaries in developing nations is road accidents.
- Isolation, with its related stresses and dangers, is a contributing factor to missionary attrition.

Air Transportation:

- Leverages missionaries' time, increasing direct contact with their unreached people groups by as much as 300%.
- Bypasses dangerous road, river, rail, and trail transportation.
- Reduces loneliness by carrying mail, supplies, and other workers to aid the frontier missionary.

How You Can Become Involved:

- Volunteer your time on short-term projects.
- Become an intern on assignment with a career missionary.
- Become a career missionary.
- Adopt a missionary family.
- Donate an airplane or an airplane part.
- Sponsor a flight to a village or supply a radio.
- Pray on behalf of frontier missionaries.
- Claim Bible promises for AWA personnel.
- Start an AWA prayer group and pray for mission pilots.
- Ask God to show you how to become involved.

For a free subscription to AWA's newsletter "Flight Log," write to Adventist World Aviation, Griggs Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.



Airstrips, built by the government of Guyana, provide the only access to remote villages in the hinterlands. The airstrips are opening up these otherwise inaccessible areas to trade, medical care, and evangelism. AWA mission pilot David Gates sets up on final approach to his home strip in Kaikan.

Venezuela. From the capital city, Georgetown, on the Atlantic coast, there are no roads for more than 200 miles into the interior of the country because of the rugged terrain and dense jungle. The only access to remote villages is by light airplane. Therefore, in recent years, the government of Guyana has been constructing airstrips in the remote areas of the country to allow contact with the indigenous people who live in isolated villages.

In 1995, several Adventist church leaders, businessmen, pilots, and laypersons from around the world gathered at the General Conference Aviation Center at Andrews University to form an organization now known as Adventist World Aviation (AWA), an independent, supporting ministry.



David Gates and his family are living in western Guyana where Ovid E. Davis, pioneer missionary to the Arecuna and Akawaio tribes, is buried.

Former mission bush pilots, Harry Lloyd and R. A. George, members of Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC), were some of the founding members of the organization, along with David Gates. The organization's president is Berrien Springs electrical contractor Don Starlin, also a member of PMC.

David and R.A. flew to Guyana a short time after AWA was organized to visit the villages in Region 7 in the northwestern corner of Guyana where the Davis Indians are located. Upon their return, they shared their experiences with their colleagues in Berrien Springs. They reported their delight at finding clean, neat, organized villages

in such a remote area. They even found Pathfinders in uniform who were the champion marchers in their union conference. David fell in love with the people and offered to pioneer the work in that country for AWA.

AWA had barely organized and had no money—no budgets for projects yet. But David didn't see that as an obstacle. He made a pact with God that he would serve in Guyana as long as God continued to supply the funding for the needs of the ministry every month.

David doesn't draw a salary, nor do those who work with him. His policy is to use all the funding God sends every month, not hoarding any for the next month, but trusting God to supply each successive month's needs. That forces him to follow God's lead. "Any time the money runs out and we can't pay expenses, I'll know the Lord is telling me it's time to get out," David says.

Since June of 1997, David has been flying an AWA-sponsored airplane. While the plane was being prepared for service in Guyana and David was in Berrien Springs waiting for it to be completed, he began attending Melchizedek "Melchi" Ponniah's Sabbath school class in PMC with several other AWA members. The class members took him into their hearts and decided to adopt him and his mission work as their project, as have many others.

David and his wife, also a nurse, started a medical program to improve the health of the villagers with mercy flights for critically-ill people to Davis Memorial Hospital, the Adventist hospital in Georgetown. Soon ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) asked him to be their director for Guyana. He agreed to do it, but on a volunteer basis. ADRA sponsored an anti-malaria program for the people. All this had a very positive effect on the



David preflights his highly modified 150 horse power Cessna 150 before takeoff. Students at Andrews University department of aviation helped prepare the plane for mission service in Guyana.

communities served and made friends for the church even among other church groups in those areas. David says, "The people say it doesn't matter that our beliefs are different, they love us anyway because we take care of their medical needs."

When David is preparing to airlift a sick patient to the hospital, he gathers everyone around the plane for a word of prayer for the patient, the village, the village captain, and all present, be they villagers or the leader of a church of another denomination in the village.

The other church leader is also invited to pray. This practice has forestalled any opposition to the presence of Seventh-day Adventists in the region. Their presence is warmly welcomed wherever they go.

David wanted to begin holding evangelistic meetings and started to pray for the equipment that would enable him to bring NET '95 to the villages. Since there's no electricity, a generator was necessary, plus a VCR, a video projector, and a screen. God provided the funding, and since

February a new NET '95 evangelistic series has started in two new villages every five weeks, as soon as the series finishes in the previous two villages. The big screen with "movies" makes a profound impression in the villages where nothing like this has ever been experienced before. No one would even think of missing a single meeting (including the dogs). More than 200 baptisms have resulted from these efforts.

Now, not only are all these villagers familiar with Mark Finley, but with

Hope for the Hopeless

BY DONALD B. STARLIN

I was on my way back home from the Guyana jungle in Region 7 recently, when I found myself seated by a young woman who was also returning to the United States on the same five-hour flight to Miami. We fell into conversation, and I learned that she was a doctoral student in an American university, conducting field research for a dissertation in anthropology. Further discussion revealed that her research was centered in the very region where David Gates is carrying on his work (Region 7), that she had spoken with "Captain Gates" by radio, and that she had visited many of the villages he services by air. She indicated a high regard for his work on behalf of the Amerindian villages—mercy medical flights and ADRA's anti-malaria program.

Secular anthropologists typically oppose western missionaries who "tamper" with the lives of indigenous people. This young woman, however, was sensitive to the genuine needs of these people and observed first-hand that without the intervention of medical work and education, these people are

doomed to extinction through disease, vice, and habitat destruction.

Quite surprised to find an anthropologist sympathetic to the work of a group of Adventist missionaries, I inquired about her thesis. She explained that her work revolved around the role of dreams in the religion of the Amerindian populations of Region 7, focusing specifically on the adherents to the Alleluia faith. Now she really had my attention! These people are located on the fringes of an area where nearly whole villages have converted to Adventism due to portable generators and NET '95 tape series.

From what I've gathered, the "Alleluia" religion is a Pentecostal movement that, when adopted into the religious practices of the indigenous people, is not very far removed from animism. In these villages of the Mazaruni, the chamans, witch doctors, and spiritual leaders of the villages began receiving visits by way of visions and dreams from heavenly agencies. In them they seemed to be transported to heaven, where they were given messages and songs which were incorporated into their dances and worship services.

In the course of discussing the various needs of the Amerindians, the young anthropologist remarked with

some sadness in her voice that "these people have no hope." When I asked her what she meant by that, she related how, in recent times, the heavenly revelations, so much a part of their religion in the past, had been in decline until they had virtually stopped. The only conclusion they could come to was that revelation has ceased because there is no more future to reveal, and the end of the world is at hand.

I sat in stunned silence as the significance of her words sank in. David Gates and I, completely oblivious to the spiritual receptivity of these villages, had, just the week before, flown into Kamarang and requested a meeting with the village council for the purpose of obtaining permission to construct a downlink and rebroadcast TV station on a mountain overlooking this same region!

Little do these people know that just over the ridge there is a TV station under construction from which the NET '98 message of hope for a dying planet will be beamed into their villages!

God knows, and He has been preparing their minds for this very event.



In addition to being wife, mother, nurse, and teacher, Becky Gates' roll as radio operator is a vital link in the mission aviation program. A solar-powered ham radio is the only means of communication with the outside world.

Dwight Nelson as well. David has circulated videos of the NET '98 *Unite*Ignite!* rally that was held in PMC last November, and "prayer



Jungle houses are designed for maximum cross-ventilation.

warriors" are praying for the success of NET '98 in all the villages.

But as the people look forward to NET '98, they don't want to wait for videos to be circulated to all the villages after the fact. They want to view NET '98 "live." So David purchased with the airplane fuel money a downlink dish and satellite receiver from AWR. "Within days," he says, "I received word from our AWR representative in Miami that he was tearing up our check and donating the equipment to our work. So I moved ahead in faith and used the money to purchase a second dish." But that wasn't good enough, because not enough villages could afford to have a dish. David realized that the time had arrived to add broadcasting to their ministry.

David began discussions with the leaders in the area where he wanted to build an antenna for a rebroadcast transmitter. Leaders of several other churches were present in the meeting, and David wondered how receptive they would be to the idea of an Adventist TV station. When he was invited to speak, the leaders asked him, "How are we going to receive the TV

signal, we don't have TVs?" David asked, "How many of you have radios?" Almost everybody raised their hands. He responded, "You have radios because there is a radio station to listen to." All nodded in agreement. "Once this TV station is on the air, you will get a television because there will be something to watch on it." The answer came back, after some discussion, "Absolutely! Once we know we have it, we will go work in the gold mines, pan gold in the rivers, or do whatever we need to do to get the money to buy a TV!" The first one to stand up was the pastor of the Alleluia Church (see sidebar "Hope for the Hopeless") who said, "My wife and I have already committed ourselves to buying a television so we can pick up Adventist TV."

A TV station has been built on donated property on top of the highest mountain in the region which can now broadcast Adventist Christian programming into western Guyana. NET '98 is even reaching into the remote villages of Guyana with its message of hope for a dying world, thanks to the work of many volunteers and generous donors.

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Dan Stepp, a Coloma, Michigan, physician, and his wife Rolene, a physical therapist, attend to the needs of an ailing villager in the Gates' family kitchen.

Who's Caring for the Care Giver?

BY BARBARA HALES

Jean's day was a routine one. Get Bob off to work and the kids off to school. A quick pick-up of the house, then a mad dash by Mom's place on the way to work. During lunch, she'd call the Social Security office and speak to Dad's nurse at the nursing home. Before returning home, she'd grocery shop for Mom, visit Dad, and pick the children up from the sitter.

This is a role you probably never envisioned yourself in—care giving. Few of us plan on taking care of a spouse, parent, or child due to chronic illness or disability. If you find yourself thrust into such a situation, be encouraged that you are not alone. An estimated 18 to 25 million adults in the U.S. are caring for a chronically ill or disabled loved one. And the majority of family care givers are women between the ages of 40 and 59. Most are not getting consistent help from other family members, have teenagers at home, and are juggling care for their ill loved one in addition to other responsibilities to their spouses, children, and work.

FRUSTRATION: A FREQUENTLY-FELT EMOTION

In a study conducted by the National Family Care Giver Association, it was found that approximately

70% of all family care givers said that frustration is their most frequently-felt emotion—frustration with loss of leisure, frustration due to depression, frustration with no control over changing family dynamics, frustration due to isolation and the burdensome aspects of care giving.

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL CARE GIVING

1. Let Others Help

It may be noble to think that you can do it alone, but you are fooling yourself. Care giving is hard work accomplished best in a sharing environment. Often, seemingly insensitive relatives have no idea what you are going through. During their occasional visits you seem to "have it all together." Be honest with them; share your concerns. You might be surprised at how many people would be willing to help if they knew what to

Eight Ways Your Church Can Help

1. Pray for care givers, making your prayers visible by E-mail, phone calls, notes, and cards of encouragement.
2. Help around the house with meals, yard work, cleaning, etc.
3. Remember the children by offering to babysit, or include them in your family's outings
4. Set aside time to visit the elderly parents, run errands, etc.
5. Give a care package of toiletries, flowers, etc.
6. Arrange a get-away luncheon, picnic, or retreat.
7. Be a good listener.
8. Start a support group for care givers.



Meet a friend for lunch, even consider a weekend retreat or vacation. Remember, providing care for those who are ill is extremely demanding. Arrange respite care, even if for only a few hours

do or how to ask. Let them know. Avail yourself of support groups that can be a lifeline to people in your community who understand exactly what you are going through because they are going through it themselves. Tap into community resources by contacting your local Council on Aging.

2. Take a Break

Don't convince yourself that you must be with your ill family member "twenty-four seven." Take a break. Get away from the house, and get some fresh air. Go for a walk, drive to a park.

so that you have time for yourself, your spouse, your children, and your friends.

3. Learn to Relax

At first you may not feel stressed as you do what needs to be done. However, stress is inevitable as time and demands become unbalanced. There will never be enough hours in the day to do all that needs to be done, especially if you feel that you are the only one that can do it. Accept your limitations, prioritize, take time to smell the roses. Learn to relax, eat regular

meals, plan rest periods and bedtime. Learn simple relaxation techniques, and make exercise a part of each day's activities. Don't neglect prayer time or Bible study, and take time to be quiet.

4. Have a Life Apart from Care Giving

Don't feel guilty when you take time for yourself. Ask yourself what would happen if you got sick, too? Who would take care of both of you? Pamper yourself with a hot bath or little treat. Give attention to personal appearance, get a facial or new hairstyle. Remember, when you take care of yourself, you will be better able to handle the heavy burden of care giving with confidence and serenity.

Barbara Hales, a member of the South Bend First Church, has volunteered her writing and editorial services to the Lake Union Herald.

Resource Guide to Support Organizations

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assn., Inc.
919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60611-1676
1-800-272-3900

American Cancer Society
1599 Clifton Road N. E.
Atlanta, GA 30329
1-800-227-2345

National Council on Aging (NCOA)
409 Third Street
Washington, DC 20024
202-479-1200

National Family Care Givers Association
9621 East Bexhill Dr.
Kensington, MD 20895
1-800-896-3650

For additional resources, send for a free copy of Consumer's Resource Handbook, U. S. Office of Consumer Affairs, 750 17th Street, Washington, DC 20006-4607.

Hinsdale Center for Reproduction Gives Nature a

Helping Hand

BY GINNY RICHARDSON

Three years ago, Kimberly and Adam Perch of Mokena, Illinois, feared their dreams of having a baby might never come true. Now, thanks to the dedicated team at Hinsdale Center for Reproduction at Hinsdale Hospital, the couple is expecting their second child.

The Perches married in 1990 and planned on starting a family. However, in 1991, Kimberly had to undergo laparoscopic surgery to remove cysts on her ovaries. During the procedure, doctors discovered small amounts of endometriosis, or scar tissue, on her ovaries, which is believed to have been a factor in two ensuing ectopic pregnancies (where the embryo implants in the fallopian tube rather than the uterus). As a result, one of Kimberly's fallopian tubes had to be surgically removed.

Their incredible infertility treatment journey began at the University of Chicago, where two unsuccessful in-vitro fertilizations and one unsuccessful frozen embryo transfer were performed over a course of two years.

Frustrated, the couple read about a new and complex infertility treatment called "assisted hatching" that was being performed with promising results at Hinsdale Center for Reproduction. With their options running out, the couple decided to give it a try.

The process of assisted hatching involves delicate microsurgery to open the membrane of the fertilized egg

white while it is still in the laboratory. For some people and for unknown reasons, the pre-implanted blastocyst remains trapped inside its membrane and fails to connect to the uterus. Miscarriage results when implantation in the uterus fails to occur.

From the beginning, the couple had

Thirty-five eggs were removed. Of those thirty-five, twenty-four were fertilized. Of the twenty-four fertilized eggs (embryos), four were transferred to Kimberly's uterus, and twenty embryos were frozen for future use.

Kimberly vividly remembers finding out the news a few days later—the



The Perch family proudly holds their first child five weeks after Aaron's birth.

tremendous confidence in and respect for the center's team, which is headed up by Drs. Michael Hickey and Jay Levin and embryologist Andrew Ruiz.

"You're not just a number there. They take a personal interest in each patient, and they're in communication with you every step of the way," Kimberly said.

In 1995, Kimberly's in-vitro/assisted hatching procedure was performed.

news she and her husband had so longed to hear. "I had told the center's office to call me at work only if I was pregnant. They usually called by four o'clock, so when that time passed I figured it hadn't worked. When the call came, I couldn't believe it, and I asked them if it was possible that they had mixed up my blood work with another patient's. I went into the bathroom and just sobbed."



From left: Adam, Aaron, and Kim Perch. Aaron just recently turned two years old and is awaiting the arrival of a new baby brother or sister.

Nine months later, on July 1, 1996, Kimberly delivered a healthy baby boy named Aaron.

When the Perches decided to have another baby, they again turned to Hinsdale Center for Reproduction for assistance. Last March, Kimberly underwent a frozen embryo transfer using the embryos frozen during the first in-vitro procedure in 1995.

Four blastocysts (embryos that are at a more developed stage) were transferred. The success ratio of blastocyst transfer is very low. In fact, most reproductive centers do not perform blastocyst transfer due to the poor odds of success and the extreme skill required.

With great joy, the doctors were able to give the Perches very good news. The couple is anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new baby in December.

"I appreciate every single minute of motherhood, and we never take being parents for granted," Kimberly said.

Husband Adam agrees. "It makes you believe in miracles."

Ginny Richardson is Hinsdale Hospital publicist.

FAST FACTS about Hinsdale Center for Reproduction

Since the practice opened in 1991, approximately 800 patients have successfully conceived children.

Hinsdale Center for Reproduction (HCR) is a private practice located on the campus of Hinsdale Hospital. Drs. Michael Hickey and Jay Levin met at the University of Southern California, where they had a research fellowship from 1988 to 1990 to study the effects of certain hormones on the reproductive system.

HCR offers an environment of special sensitivity to couples seeking treatment for infertility. Providing the most sophisticated medical and surgical therapies, the center offers comprehensive, state-of-the-art fertility care, including an on-site gamete laboratory and a staff with advanced training in reproductive endocrinology, infertility and andrology, so that every patient will have the greatest opportunity for success.

Drs. Hickey and Levin gave much credit to the skills and dedication of andrologist/embryologist Andrew Ruiz. Ruiz is the father of two children who were the result of in-vitro fertilization. His oldest child, now 10 years old, was the first frozen embryo in Texas and the sixth in the country to result in a successful pregnancy.



Church members in Derventa, Bosnia, lost their church building as the result of the fighting which left it in ruins.

GLOBAL OFFERING: December 12

Rebuilding Hope

BY MIROSLAV PUJIC

The war that brought distress, destruction, and division to Yugoslavia in 1991 leveled many buildings in villages, towns, and cities throughout this heavily-wooded and predominately mountainous part of southeastern Europe.

Unfortunately, many of the 270 Adventist churches happened to be in the path of the warring factions. Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia suffered heavily with 12 church buildings totally destroyed, 17 badly damaged, and 15 with minor damage.

Not only did the structure of these churches suffer, but the soul of the church communities was also affected. There was a major exodus of church members to the safety of other countries and neighboring districts. There were many Adventists among the three and a half million refugees and the 200,000 that were killed.

Providing comfort and care, the humanitarian role of the church became the priority rather than evangelism. People took shelter in Adventist schools, colleges, and other places of safety, and despite discomfort and fear remarkable stories emerged.

In Vukovar an Adventist family

sought refuge with their non-Adventist neighbors. Together they endured for four months the cramped conditions of a basement, living only on bread and water.

Some of the church members in Lipik, Croatia, were told by God through a sign in a dream to flee to safety and narrowly escaped death.

Another Adventist family in Nova Gradiska, Croatia, was not so fortunate, and Mirjana lost her husband on the last day of the war in 1995.

Despite such tragedies, the war has changed some lives in very positive ways. In Derventa, Bosnia, a young soldier called Philip turned to Christ after surviving the worst of the fighting. He and other members of his army fought from an Adventist church building for two months, leaving only at night to collect food and ammunition. In the rare moments when they were not under fire, he read the books that were scattered around the church, some actually pierced with bullet holes, and by the time his army unit pulled out of the city, he was already curious about Jesus. Later, Philip joined his sister in an Adventist school in Croatia, where she found safety. He enrolled in a one-year Bible course and is now a happily-married Adventist living in Germany.

Many people are returning from exile to find their homes and churches destroyed. The Adventist Church is once again growing in numbers, a dynamic Christian community which is receptive to the gospel. But many Adventists have nowhere to meet and little money to set about the rebuilding and restoration of their churches. They have a major challenge ahead, and, for a time, these Adventist brothers and sisters will need help and support.

The world-wide church will take up an offering for this program on December 12, and with your generosity, the rebuilding will enable the Adventist churches to continue their work as centers for counseling and comfort, thanksgiving and hope.

Miroslav Pujic is the Trans-European Division communication director.



Miroslav Pujic (left), Trans-European Division communication director, and Gary Patterson (right), General Conference general field secretary, stand in front of Seventh-day Adventist church ruins in Vukovar, Croatia.



Philip, a young soldier, used the Adventist church as a bunker during the fighting, and, in rare moments when there was a lull in the fighting, read the books that were scattered around the church, resulting in his conversion.

The Ways of the Ant

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise. . . .
(Proverbs 6:6)

If you ever see a nuptial flight of ants, you'll never forget it. Thousands of ants swarm over the ground and lift into the air on unfamiliar wings. This is the only time in their lives when they can fly. Some unknown signal has told them that the time is right to crown new queens and to establish new colonies. As ants of the same species from several colonies meet in the air, the males hurriedly mate with the females. When the marriage ceremony is over, each female has been fertilized for life. She drops to the ground and rubs her body against a stone or blade of grass to get rid of her now-useless wings. She is now a queen, and she must find a suitable place to set up a new nest. Then she'll spend the ten to fifteen years of her life doing nothing but serving the colony. Nest bound, she will lay a million eggs every few years.

Although thousands of queens are fertilized during one marriage flight, only a few survive to establish a colony; probably no more than one in one thousand lives long enough to lay eggs. Birds, frogs, toads, mice, lizards, and other predators take advantage of having so many ants in one place at one time as they snatch thousands of ants from the ground and air.

The queens that do escape and begin to nest are

often killed later by flooding, cold, drought, fungal diseases, and starvation before they can raise the first generation of eggs. In most species of ants, only one queen is present; if she dies, the colony also dies. In other species, more than one colony may live together peacefully under the rule of multiple queens; naturally, having more than one queen increases the chances of the survival of the colony. The queen herself must care for the first generation of eggs and larvae, relying on stored body fat to stay alive and to give her the energy to lay and tend the eggs and to care for her newborns by feeding them with her saliva. That first generation of ants consists of wingless, non-fertile females, or workers. They are weak and small, yet within a few days of hatching they begin to find food for the famished queen and to serve the colony in other ways. An ant colony is a matriarchy. The queen establishes the colony. Her descendants maintain it. In this well-organized society, each member is valuable and necessary. From the moment of birth, every member of an ant colony does a specific job that contributes to the operation of the entire ant community. If it didn't, the colony would die.

Exploring God's World

WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Be a Worker Ant

The queen is the foundation of the ant colony, but the colony would not survive without the workers. They keep the nest clean and in good repair, they find food, and they care for the eggs and young. Each worker takes its job seriously, knowing that doing its special task is important for the family. Make yourself useful to *your* family—and do it without being asked!

Items needed

- ✓ paper
- ✓ jar
- ✓ pen or pencil

Procedure

- 1 Cut a sheet of paper into several pieces, each about 2" x 3".
- 2 Write a task that contributes to the welfare of your family on each piece. Some suggestions for daily chores are washing dishes, drying dishes, vacuuming, preparing breakfast, making all the beds, and feeding the cat. Weekly tasks might include vacuuming, dusting, scrubbing toilets, washing the car, and watering plants.
- 3 Fold the pieces of paper and drop them in the jar. Each Monday morning, pull out a piece of paper.
- 4 Do the chore described on that piece as often as needed for a full week.
- 5 Repeat the process every Monday until you have used up all the pieces.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.

College Days '98: Seniors Converge!

A sneak preview. A transition to college. A fun time for more than 400 academy and high school seniors. Andrews College Days '98 promises to be all this and more.

Held this year on campus Oct. 18 and 19, College Days gives Lake Union seniors a chance to experience first-hand the life of a college student at Andrews.

"The transition from high school to college is a big step, so we encourage all students to get as much information as they can," said Kylie Eckenroth,

assistant director of Enrollment Services. "When they visit us, they should bring questions, but also be prepared to have a lot of fun."

College Days participants sleep in the Andrews residence halls, eat alongside college students in the cafeteria, and take "classroom tours" in academic buildings. A career fair gives students a chance to explore future careers, and a Sunday night sports extravaganza lets seniors blow off some steam.

College Days '98, Oct. 18 to 19. Call (800) 253-2874 or (616) 471-3580 for more information.

Guides to Successful Marriages

Since getting married is a big step, all married couples need the best marriage counselor available. Good thing that He's available to everyone and is just a prayer away. Don't call on the "Mars and Venus" guy, but on the One who made Mars and Venus!

A spiritually-centered approach to pre-marital counseling is the key to success for any marriage, says Donald Murray, Andrews dean of men. He should know. Since 1978, Murray and his wife, Susan, have directed Adventist Engaged Encounter, a marriage enriching program held on three separate weekends each year on the Andrews campus.

This year's dates are scheduled (Nov. 20 to 22, Jan. 29 to 31, and April 30 to May 2), and couples are encouraged to call the Andrews Campus Ministries office at (616) 471-3211 to register.

Through the years, more than 1,300 couples have gone through AEE training, said Sue Murray, assistant professor of behavioral science. A typical response to the experience might be summed up in a recent evaluation: "I came believing I would be lectured to, and instead you pointed me to our Savior. Because of Him we have found each other in a way that never existed."

The Murrys always say that the God who made marriage is the best pre-marital counselor. Find out about Him at Adventist Engaged Encounter.

Jack Stenger, University Relations



Donald and Susan Murray have led Adventist Engaged Encounter since 1978.

President Reaches New Heights

Pressure at the office can drive most of us to extremes. But Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen insists it was a love for adventure, not any undue stress, that prompted him to make his first-ever, sky-diving jump on June 28.

"Most of the time I just sit at my desk, so this gave me an opportunity to do something unusual," said Andreasen. "Besides, I've always wanted to fly."

For his first-ever jump, the normally desk-bound academician took flight from 4,000 feet up. A steady 10-mph wind made the landing difficult for some jumpers, but the 57-year-old Andreasen hit *terra firma* with no problems.

Kristopher Zygowiec, assistant professor of geography, coaxed the president into trying the sport. Since he first started sky diving in his native Poland, Zygowiec has done more than 830 jumps. "It's a sport that develops self-reliance and precision," Zygowiec said.

"I just asked the Lord for a good day, and He gave it to us," said Zygowiec. A good day meant a soft landing for Andreasen and a chance to plan for his next adventure. Talk about higher education! Has he ever considered bungee-jumping?

Jack Stenger, Andrews University public information officer

Jonathan Zygowiec



It's a Bird! Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen comes back to earth.

Jack Stenger, University Relations



Students from across the Lake Union come to Andrews for College Days.

Lake Region Commissions Three Teachers

Lake Region—Three teachers were commissioned at a special commissioning service on June 20, 1998, in Cassopolis, Mich. Consecrated to the teaching ministry were:

Marcia L. Freeman Sackie, who received a B.S. degree from Oakwood College and a J.D. degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. "The years I have been at Mizpah Adventist Academy have been challenging and a blessing," said Sackie. "I thank the Lord for allowing me to be a part of His teaching ministry."

Benita Usher, from Akron, Ohio, graduated from Oakwood College with a B.S. degree in 1981. She presently teaches at Calvin Center School in Cassopolis, Mich. Married to Norman G. Usher, they have three children, Norman II, Anthony, and Joshua.

Willie Davis Jr. was born in Valdosta, Ga. He holds a B.A. degree from Oakwood College and an M.A. degree from Andrews University. Davis teaches students in grades seven–ten at Fairhaven in Flint, Mich. He is married to Audrey Price Davis, and they have two daughters, Gianna and Willena.

Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region Conference communication director

Four Michigan Teachers Commissioned

Michigan—Four Michigan teachers were commissioned this year in a ceremony held during camp meeting at Cedar Lake, Mich. Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, introduced the program by emphasizing the need for church members to recognize the value of Christian leadership. The teachers who were commissioned are:



Audrey Castelbuono.

Audrey Castelbuono—former principal at Greater Lansing School. Working with children has been a part of Castelbuono's ministry from the time she, as a young person herself, worked as a camp counselor and taught primary Sabbath school. During college, she took a year out of her studies to teach Bible and the English Language in Seoul, Korea. After graduating from Andrews University in 1978, Audrey mar-

ried Roy Castelbuono, spending the next ten years helping him with church ministry and teaching their three sons. Roy is currently pastor of the East Lansing Church. Castelbuono and her family also spent time in Japan as missionaries. It was while she was in Japan that she decided to focus on a teaching career, and when she and her family returned to the States, she began the certification process for elementary teaching. For the last eight years Castelbuono has worked with children at the East Lansing Church and taught at Greater Lansing School.

Christopher Davisson—teacher at the Village Elementary School in Berrien Springs. Davisson graduated from Andrews University in 1989 with a degree in elementary education. His first teaching position was at Grand Rapids Junior Academy where he taught grades five and six. It was during his first year of teaching that he met his future wife, Claudia, a speech/language pathologist. They were married in 1990. A few years later, Chris, Claudia, and their two sons moved to Berrien Springs where Davisson currently teaches seventh grade plus science and physical education for grades six through eight.

Beth Kobliska—teacher at the Charlotte Elementary School. Kobliska is a graduate of both Union College and Andrews University. During her undergraduate program at Union, Kobliska fulfilled a childhood dream of being a student missionary. She taught grades three and four in the Marshall Is-



From left: Matthew Rappette, Beth Kobliska, and Christopher Davisson.

lands, which confirmed her call to teaching and opened her eyes to the needs around her. After completing her master's degree at Andrews, Beth took up teaching responsibilities at the Niles Elementary School. During that time she met and married David Kobliska, who was attending the seminary at Andrews and was pastoring the Chikaming Church. Beth and David have just recently moved to Charlotte, where Kobliska will teach at the Charlotte Elementary School and her husband will pastor the Charlotte and Marshall churches.

Matthew Rappette—teacher at Cedar Lake Elementary School. Rappette first decided to become a teacher while attending Wisconsin Academy. He felt it would be a great way to serve God and to help others. His conviction led him to Andrews University, where he graduated with a degree in elementary education with an emphasis in religion and social sciences. His first teaching experience was at the Escanaba Elementary School in upper Michigan. In 1994 Rappette moved to Cedar Lake where he currently teaches grades three–five at the Cedar Lake Elementary School.

Sandra Blackmer, Michigan Conference communication director

YOUTH NEWS

Volunteerism—An Everyday Pathfinder Experience

Michigan—Community outreach is part of the exciting activities within the Adventist Youth (AY) class program. Whether



Eau Claire Critters Pathfinder Club serve their community by "adopting" a road to help clean up the environment.

the young person is a Pathfinder or not, all are to be active in outreach ministry. As a young person begins to recognize and focus on the needs of others, the thoughts that are naturally self-centered diminish, and his or her desire to serve begins to widen in scope, eventually embracing the complete family of God.

In each AY class the young person will usually spend between 4–8 hours in outreach. Pathfinders enjoy working



Pinedale Sylvaneers and Pinedale Discoverers (Adventurers) participated in can collecting.



Battle Creek Pathfinders (from left) Kim Slack and Denee Metzger display some of the canned food donated by church members during their can-collecting outreach program.

together to help other people and to witness for Jesus. Therefore, in Pathfinder community outreach, the various projects center around the following three areas: (1) helping around the church, (2) helping with the church school, and (3) doing projects in the community. Since the churches and church schools usually have individuals who take care of mowing the lawn, weeding the flower beds, painting, etc., most clubs spend their time doing projects in the community. The projects



Munising Pine Martens prepared food baskets for the needy in their community. (From left) Leslie Bruff; Eleanor Horuath, director; Keelin Bruff; and Michael Castiglione.

can include "adopting" a highway, raking leaves or shoveling snow for the elderly, participating in a crop walk, adopting a grandparent, collecting cans for food baskets, assisting with a Christmas party for needy children, helping with stop-smoking classes, visiting nursing homes, participating with Ingathering, helping in a soup kitchen, and the list goes on.

As Pathfinder director for the Michigan Conference, I am very happy that young people are given the opportunity in their local churches and schools to take part in witnessing for Jesus and to experience the joy of serving others.

Terry Dodge, Michigan Conference Pathfinder director

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Three Pastors Ordained in Indiana

Indiana — Born in Creston, Iowa, **Timothy Lee Henry** gave his life to Christ at a Lay Witness Mission in the United Methodist Church when he was 15. Feeling the call to the



Tim and Karri Henry with daughters, Natalie, 16, and Jessica, 13.

ministry, he graduated from Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., with a B.A. in biblical and theological studies and minors in New Testament Greek and psychology. He married Karri Mickey, his high school sweetheart, graduated with an M.Div. degree from

Asbury Theological Seminary in 1982, and was ordained to the pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church in 1983.

In 1989 he and Karri became acquainted with the Adventist message, began keeping the Sabbath, and started attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Knoxville, Iowa, where they became members in 1990.

Henry left his position as a Methodist minister and was employed by the Iowa/Missouri Conference as a pastor. Just prior to coming to Indiana in early 1997, Henry did literature evangelism work in Southwest Iowa.

Currently serving as pastor of the Chapel West/Brownsburg/Martinsville district, Henry was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Adventist Church at a special service on Friday evening, July 31. Conference president Clay Farwell gave the ordination message.

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, **Fred Troxell** is the fifth of seven children. Although his mother and his grandmother were Adventists, he was brought up mainly through the public school system. He entered the military when he was only 17 and spent two and a half years in Germany while he was in the army. In 1971 he married Linda Jackson, a girl he had known since childhood.

Troxell has an associates degree in recreational wildlife management and worked for ten years for the State of Ohio as a technician in forest game research.

Following a traumatic experience in their lives, Linda began earnestly seeking the Lord and started attending the local Baptist church. Eventually, Fred joined her. However, having been raised with some knowledge of the true Sabbath, Fred

began to study the Adventist message, and he and Linda both joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Feeling a definite call to the ministry, Troxell struggled with the decision for several months, and finally he and Linda and their two young sons moved to Berrien Springs in 1988 where Fred studied at Andrews University, receiving his B.A. degree in religion in 1991 and his M.Div. degree in 1992.

Troxell joined the Indiana Conference pastoral staff in the summer of 1992, where he is presently serving as the associate pastor of the Glendale Church.

Troxell was ordained on Sabbath afternoon, August 1, at the Vincennes Church. Leroy Bruch, a former pastor of the Troxells who now serves in the Michigan Conference, gave the ordination message.



Fred and Linda Troxell with sons Mike and Anthony.

Robert Thomas Helm was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 12, 1960. His father, Robert A. Helm is Lutheran, and his mother, Elizabeth, is Episcopalian. However, his parents chose to send him to an Adventist church school. Helm said, "That's where I learned a good bit about Adventists, although my family was aware of the church before this." He was baptized at the age of 14 in the Cincinnati First Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A graduate of Walnut Hills High School in 1978, Helm has a B.A. in theology from Andrews University, 1983; an M.Div. from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, 1987; and an M.Th. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., 1992.

Helm pastored in the Minnesota Conference for several years before accepting a call to the Indiana Conference in 1994, where he is currently pastoring the Bedford/Cedar Ridge/Seymour district. Helm is married to Sheri Zeiders, who he met through Adventist Contact.

Helm was ordained on Sabbath afternoon, August 29, at the Bedford Church. Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president, gave the ordination message.

Sheri DeWitt, Indiana Conference correspondent



Bob, Sheri and Walter Helm.

Michigan Ordains Five Pastors

Michigan — Five pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry during Cedar Lake camp meeting this past summer. They are:



Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president (left), and Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director (far right), stand with pastors who were ordained this summer and their spouses: (from left) Toni and Micah Davis, Joella and Boyd Lundell, Kelly and Monte Landis, Jim and Gail Micheff, and Ken and Tammy Micheff.

Micah Davis — Davis grew up in Adventist church work. His father, Rodney Davis, was a literature evangelist and pastor for more than thirty years. However, for a time, Davis turned his back on God and the church. It wasn't until he was married and had two children that he felt the need to return and re-commit his life to the Lord. In 1986 Davis and his wife, Toni, accepted the call to gospel ministry and began studies at Southern Adventist University. After finishing his undergraduate degree, Davis accepted the position of youth pastor at the Oakwood Church in Michigan, where he served for four years. Davis and his family recently moved to Maryland where he will serve as an associate pastor.

Monte Landis — Landis learned about the Adventist message through a neighbor who left a Joe Crews *Amazing Facts* brochure at his door. He soon began Bible studies with a church elder and was baptized about a year later. Landis served as a literature evangelist for twelve years and then went to Andrews University where he earned a degree in religion. After graduating in 1993, he met and married Kelly, a graduate of Weimar College. After spending a summer as district leaders for the Magabook program in Battle Creek, they accepted a call to pastor the Ludington and Shelby churches. Monte, Kelly, and their son, John, love being a part of the Lord's work in the Michigan Conference.

Boyd Lundell — Lundell was working as an architectural intern in Austin, Texas, but after seeing his neighbor baptized as a result of Bible studies, he knew that soul winning would be the passion of his life. Unable to resist a desire to share truth full-time, he left a lucrative architectural career and became a colporteur. In 1992, he and his wife, Joella, moved to Tennessee so Lundell could study for the pastoral ministry at Southern Adventist University. In 1994, he and Joella accepted a call to the Michigan Conference. Lundell interned at

the Holly and Linden churches, was pastor of the Wright and Grand Haven churches, and is now pastor of the Orion-Oxford and Stoney Creek churches. He and Joella have a one-year-old son and another child "on the way."

Jim Micheff Jr. — Micheff planned to pursue a medical career; however, God had different plans for him. After graduating with a degree in biology/chemistry in 1980, he worked in an analytical laboratory in Battle Creek. Then he and his wife, Gail, and their four children moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where Micheff taught the sciences at Little Creek Academy. Three years later, he accepted the invitation to serve as the lifestyle director of Eden Valley Institute in Colorado. Micheff then pastored in the Colorado Conference for several years and later accepted a call to pastor the Ionia and Belgreen churches in Michigan, where he has served for two years.

Ken Micheff — Micheff began his career as a welder. Later, he was called to academy work, and among other things, served as a boys' dean and a teacher. He has studied at Andrews University, Southwestern Adventist College, the University of Tennessee, and Atlantic Union College. In 1995, Ken and his wife, Tammy, accepted a call to pastoral ministry. They currently pastor the Carp Lake, Cheboygan, and Petoskey churches. The Micheff's have two children.

Sandra Blackmer, Michigan Conference communication director

A New Church at Cherry Hill

Michigan — The Westland Company, which began in April 1989, became an organized church that was named Cherry Hill Church in August 1996, reports Elizabeth DeRousie, church communication leader. Now, just two years later on July 7, 1998, a groundbreaking ceremony was held after church officials signed a contract with the Adventist Maycock Construction Company to build their new church. Everyone is excited and thankful for God's blessings on their faith project.

Phase I of the complex will include a multipurpose room/fellowship hall that will seat 85, three Sabbath school rooms, a kitchen, and a church office. Phase II will include a completed sanctuary. The facility will be built on a beautiful four-acre lot with many trees and shrubs in an ideal location in Garden City, Mich.



Members and friends of the Cherry Hill Church gather to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony on July 7.

Charlotte Church Assists Food Bank

Michigan — “Many hands make light work,” asserts the old adage. This summer many hands from the Charlotte Church helped to lighten the workload of a local community food bank, called Helping Hands, by painting their building, reports



Sue DeBarr, Charlotte Church member, helps paint the Helping Hands building.

Rachel Witaker, Charlotte Church communication leader. Helping Hands, a food pantry supported by the churches of Charlotte, recently moved into a different building that badly needed a facelift to make it more attractive.

And so twenty-six church members volunteered their time on three dates in June and July to scrape, prime, and paint the building's exterior.

Larry Olin, a professional painter, supervised the work. The paint and supplies were donated by Wolohan Lumber and Fulton Lumber after they were contacted by the Charlotte Church personal ministries leader, Rachel Whitaker. Coverage in two local newspapers, combined with the building's visible location on Main Street where many people saw the work in progress, helped give the church positive publicity. “It was fun!” said Katie



From left: Keith DeBarr and Joe Whitaker, Charlotte Church members, work on painting the second story of the food bank.

DeBarr, who helped with the project. “It gave me something hands-on to do to help someone.”

“I think this was a good project for the church,” added Olin. “It gave us a chance to build camaraderie and to get to know people.”

Carolyn Putney, Helping Hands director, said the building's fresh look has made a major impact on the state of mind of the center's employees, volunteers, and the people they serve. “The atmosphere created by a nice office is just incredible; even the clients have mentioned it many, many times.” The assistance was especially appreciated, since it came when the organization's resources were exhausted by the expense of moving to the new location. “There is no way we could have gotten through this project without [the church's] help,” said Putney.

DeBarr, who helped with the project. “It gave me something hands-on to do to help someone.”

Milwaukee Central Feeds Homeless

Wisconsin — A well-known text in the book of Mark indicates that the poor will always be with us. Members of the Milwaukee Central Church understand this passage and have decided to put their time, energy, and food supply where their thoughts are.

Twice a month, on Sabbath afternoons, a group of dedicated members set up a display table in the heart of downtown Milwaukee to feed the homeless. The group doesn't need to advertise what they're doing on a particular Sabbath. The homeless find them.

Amidst the bustling city traffic and the roar of buses, the homeless line up for sandwiches, fruit, cookies, juice, and even some clothing items. Literature is distributed, and smiles and handshakes are shared.

“It's a ministry this church has done for years,” says Mike Martinez, pastor. “We've had some of the homeless attend church and express an interest in Bible studies. If Jesus were here, He'd be doing the same thing on Sabbath afternoons.”

John Treolo, Kansas-Nebraska Conference communication director



Members of the Milwaukee Central Church offer food and friendship to the city's homeless population.

Three Angels Fly at Wright Church

Michigan — To create a warm and meaningful worship atmosphere for the Wright Church services, the membership asked Adventist artist June DeWind of Holland, Mich., to create a painting for their sanctuary, reports Barbara Gadzinski, church communication leader.

Because of the size of the picture, it had to be painted in four sections. It was never completely put together until it was hung.

After the painting was completed, the church dedicated it to the glory of God on a Sabbath morning. Each Sabbath this picture adds reverence and beauty to the worship service.



An original oil painting by Adventist artist June DeWind has been hung in the Wright Church.

Religious Teens Less Likely Drug Users, Survey Shows

Washington, D.C. — Teens are less likely to use drugs, drink, or smoke if they are religiously active than those who are not, according to a survey released September 1.

The survey, conducted May through July 1998 in the U.S. by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA), questioned 1,000 teenagers aged 12 to 17, along with 824 teachers and 822 principals.

According to Joseph Califano, CASA chairman, religion is a key factor in helping teens to resist drug-taking, with parental involvement also a critical protective factor. However, the survey also showed an increase in drugs used, kept, and sold at schools, with 53 percent of middle-school students saying there are drugs in their schools.

"This survey confirms previous data showing the importance of the connection between spirituality and a wise and healthy lifestyle," commented Stoy Proctor, General Conference associate health director. "The Adventist Church has promoted such concepts since its inception and takes a strong stance against the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs."

Proctor also pointed out that a number of scientific studies demonstrate that those who are religiously active have lower stress levels, express a greater feeling of well-being, and have higher self-esteem than those who are not religiously active. In many major studies, religious commitment was also associated with a significant reduction in alcohol and tobacco use, depression, anxiety, and psychiatric disorders.

Jonathan Gallagher

Study of Adventists Shows Eating Nuts Halves Risk of Fatal Heart Attack

Sydney, Australia — [ANN] A long and ongoing study of Seventh-day Adventists and their diet has demonstrated that eating nuts several times a week halves the risk of death from heart attack. The Adventist Health Study has monitored the health of 34,000 Californian Adventists for 20 years.

Dr. Gary Fraser, professor of medicine and epidemiology in the School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, Calif., and who is now principal investigator for the study, was in Australia on September 3 for a seminar on plant foods. During a meeting at Sydney University, Fraser reported that the research showed that fat from nuts was correlated with better health than fat from animal sources.

In an interview with the Australian Associated Press (AAP), Fraser said that the risk of a fatal heart attack was cut in half among those who ate two ounces of nuts four or five times a week, compared to those who rarely ate nuts.

In a study to examine the effects of fat from nuts, the research team controlled the diets of 20 healthy young men for three months. "For half of the period, these men had most of their fat coming from walnuts, and their cholesterol dipped down substantially and significantly," said Fraser.

According to the AAP report, Fraser chose to study Adventists because of the opportunity to examine the impact of diets without the influence of smoking and drinking.

Fraser's seminar, "The Health Advantages of a Plant-based Diet," was sponsored by the Nutrition Society of Australia and the Sanitarium Health Food Company, owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jonathan Gallagher

Adventist Church Launches Sunset Calculator on the Internet

Silver Spring, Md. — [ANN] The Seventh-day Adventist World Church has launched a new web page that allows calculation of sunrise and sunset times for any place on the globe and for any date.

"The *Sunset Calculator* provides an easy user interface for anyone to access sunrise and sunset times for any given day and for any spot on the globe," said Jonathan Gallagher, web master and news director at church headquarters. "This calculator will be helpful not only to Adventists, but also to many others for whom knowledge of daylight time is important, and we are delighted to provide this as a service on the web."

The calculator works globally and will even calculate backward and forward over many years. Designed by technical expert Michal Dabrowski, the database includes information for more than 2,000 cities worldwide, as well as providing a "point and shoot" option using maps of the continents.

"This project provided a real challenge to devise a program that would work around the globe and allow users to easily find out the information they need," said Dabrowski. "I've also included an option to print a calendar for the year and an extensive manual on how to use the calculator."

The sunset/sunrise calculator should prove useful to others observing the seventh-day Sabbath, including followers of the Jewish faith and those who simply want to know the hours of daylight on any given day, including film-makers, vacationers, backpackers, nature-lovers, and the just plain curious. The site can be accessed at: <http://news.adventist.org/sun/>

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MILEPOSTS

ANNIVERSARIES



Bill and Dorothy Bloom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7, 1998, at a reception and catered luncheon held at the Brookside Medical/Surgical Center where Bill is building manager. They are currently members of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Bill Bloom and Dorothy Moore were married on June 4, 1948, in Battle Creek. Bill retired in 1989 after nearly 30 years in denominational service doing publishing, pastoral, and departmental work. Dorothy has been a homemaker and worker's wife.

The Bloom family includes Linda Bloom of Allentown, Pa.; Mary Bloom of Frankfort, Ind.; and 2 grandchildren.



Harold and Grethel Moll celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 11, 1998, at a family gathering and church potluck. They have been members of the Midland (Mich.) Church for over 60 years.

Harold and Grethel Dunlep were married Apr. 24, 1938, in Battle Creek, by Taylor Bunch. Harold has been a research scientist for 43 years with Dow Chemical Company. Grethel has been a homemaker and artist.

The Moll family includes Normen and Dorothy Moll of Sanford, Mich.; Nancy and David Larmer of Gillette, Wyo.; David and Sharon Moll of Midland;

5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Carol L. Benitez and David A. Mason were married July 12, 1998, in Saginaw, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bob Stewart.

Carol is the daughter of Bob and Shirley Byers of Saginaw, and David is the son of David and Karen Mason of Saginaw.

The Masons are making their home in Saginaw.

Mary Nell Bond and Timothy C. Rosenboom were married June 1998, in Niles, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Peter Neary.

Mary Nell is the daughter of the late Fraer and Nell Scott of Lumberton, Miss., and Tim is the son of the late Charles and Dorothy Rosenboom of Sutter, Ill.

The Rosenbooms are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Tina M. Brown and David J. Glenn were married July 26, 1998, in Warren, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David L. Glenn.

Tina is the daughter of Dennis and Sharon Brown of Almont, Mich., and David is the son of David and Tomi Glenn of Warren, Mich.

The Glens are making their home in Clinton Township, Mich.

Maria De Los Angeles Gomez and Elmer Israel Lobo were married July 12, 1998, in Chicago, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jose Guevara.

Maria is the daughter of Romulo Gomez of El Porvenir, Jucuaran, and Maria Genoveva Rodriguez of San Miguel, Usulután; and Elmer is the son of Candelario Gaitan and Maria Maura Lobo of Quelepo, San Miguel.

The Lobos are making their home in Chicago.

Rehema A. Megesa and Menker N. Feleke were married July 26, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony

was performed by Pastor Baraka Muganda.

Rehema is the daughter of Israel Megesa of Arosha, Tanzania, and Ruth Megesa of Cleveland, Ohio; and Menker is the son of Negatu Feleke and Maaza Fikreslasse of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Felekes are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

Gwen M. Offenback and Harold J. Howard were married July 5, 1998, in Forest Lake, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Hubert Moog.

The Howards are making their home in Apopka, Fla.

Kaylieth A. Pierce and Timothy J. Pellandini were married Aug. 16, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder Paul Pellandini.

Kayleith is the daughter of Barbara Nelson and the late John Pierce of Billings, Mont., and Cathy and Richard Slovarp of Hillsborough, N.C.; and Timothy is the son of Paul and Linda Pellandini of Bath, Mich.

The Pellandinis are making their home in Alamosa, Colo.

OBITUARIES

BARDEN, Arthur J., age 84; born June 12, 1914, in Leslie, Mich.; died June 19, 1998, in Homer, Mich. He was a member of the Burlington (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, N. Lucille; son, Larry; daughter, Joan DeBruler; 9 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Revs. William F. Lawson and Maurice Mallion, and inurnment will be in Woodland Cemetery, Leslie.

BERLIN, Elaine A. (Logren), age 78; born Oct. 15, 1919, in Chicago; died July 13, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest; sons, William, Robert, and Gregory; daughters, Bonnie Perry, Deborah Smith, and Jane Takizawa; 17 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Esther Knott and Elder Raul Dederen, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

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CAMPBELL, Nadine E. (Williams), age 80; born May 16, 1918, in Sheridan, Mich.; died June 14, 1998, in Ionia, Mich. She was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry X. and Ronald L.; stepsons, Bud and Bob; brothers, Charles and Kenneth Williams; sisters, Cordelia Owens and Marjorie Williams; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff Jr. and Elder Gary Knowlton, and interment was in Sheridan Cemetery, Sheridan, Mich.

CARLSON, Ferne C., age 87; born Dec. 16, 1910, in Elk Horn, Iowa; died July 27, 1998, in Benton Harbor, Mich. She was a member of the Coloma (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Don W.; sister, Mildred Frederickson; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Fred Dana, and interment was in Clay Cemetery, Elk Horn.

CHEEK, Lance G., age 34; born Dec. 31, 1963, in Pontiac,

Mich.; died July 4, 1998, in Orange County, Calif. He was a member of the Metropolitan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Memphis Casivant-Cheek; parents, Larry and Eileen; and sisters, Renee George and Letta Hess.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Frank Haynes and Johnny Groda, with private interment.

CHRISTENSEN, Mary, age 88; born Mar. 18, 1910, in Chicago, Ill.; died May 12, 1998, in Champaign, Ill. She was a member of the Danville (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Gloria Pierce; brother, Tom Potter; sister, Janet Rieck; 3 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Larry W. Clonch, and interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery, Chicago.

CUCHINSKI, Dolores M., age 69; born Apr. 30, 1929, in Algonac, Mich.; died July 29, 1998, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Fairplain

Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; sons, Stephen C., Bronco M., and John J.; daughters, Linda J. and Wanda E.; half-sister, Caroline Hacker; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Remembrance services were conducted, and interment was in Buchanan, Mich.

FERNER, Joseph J., age 80; born Aug. 17, 1917, in Jamestown, Mich.; died May 28, 1998, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine A.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Chapel Hills Memorial Gardens, Grand Rapids.

GOETZKE, Lloyd A., age 67; born Apr. 3, 1931, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died July 15, 1998, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Esther (Zutz); son, Paul; daughter, Debra Lemon; brothers, Harold, Donald, and Milton; sister, Beatrice Brodbeck; and 2 grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted with private interment.

JOHNSON, Paul D., age 82; born May 1, 1916, in Leesburg, Fla.; died July 11, 1998, in Ocala, Fla. He was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith G. (Page Hoebeke); stepsons, Willard and Jack Hoebeke; stepdaughter, Mary Anderson; brother, Robert; 2 step-grandchildren; and 1 step-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Canther, and interment was in Fairplains Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

JUDGE, Johnette G. (Suckey), age 43; born Dec. 25, 1954, in Hobart, Ind.; died May 27, 1998, in Hobart. She was a member of the Northwest Church, Crown Point, Ind.

Survivors include her parents John G. and Laura L. Suckey; brothers, Clay and Troy Suckey; and sisters, Corinne Pederson and Michelle Smith.

Funeral services were conducted by Evan Adams, and in-

terment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gary, Ind.

LOEWE, Grace B., age 81; born Feb. 16, 1917, in Kokomo, Ind.; died July 8, 1998, in Loveland, Colo. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughters, Pat Hamer and Sue Nelson; sisters, Mary Rodevich, Doris Dean, Betty Jean Nangle, and Betty Lou Gentry; 5 grandchildren; and 1 step-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Al Williams, and interment was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Loveland.

LUCAS, Ivy E. Hoffman, age 91; born Sept. 18, 1906, in Terre Haute, Ind.; died June 9, 1998, in Tullahoma, Tenn. She was a member of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Churches.

Survivors include her daughter, Cathy Snyder; 1 grandchild; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by John Lorntz, and interment was in Shepherd Memorial Park Cemetery, Hendersonville, N.C.

MADDEN, Frank N., age 83; born July 17, 1914, in Wausau, Wis.; died May 25, 1998, in Hinsdale, Ill. He was a member of the West Central Church, Oak Park, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; daughters, Donna Sanders and Norma Halloway; 9 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stanley G. Hagen, and interment was in Fairview Memorial Park, Northlake, Ill.

MOTT, Frances (Powers), age 89; born Feb. 3, 1909, in Otter Lake, Mich.; died June 19, 1998, in Flint, Mich. She was a member of the Otter Lake Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Christine Hunter; brothers, Samuel and Losson Powers; sister, Elaine Sincock; 2 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Edwin Eigenberg, and interment was in Smith Hill Cemetery, Otisville, Mich.

OLDS, Donald, age 85; born June 9, 1913, in Berrien Springs,

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Mich.; died June 25, 1998, in Reedsburg, Wis. He was a member of the Reedsburg Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal M. (Bates); sons, L. Milton, Eugene B., and Robert E.; daughter, Mary J. Hahn; brother, LeRoy M.; sister, LeNoire A. Curtis; 9 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Covall and Elder Willis Graves, and interment was in Chalker Restful Forest Cemetery, Irons, Mich.

PALMITER, James A., age 74; born Jan. 1, 1924, in Muskegon, Mich.; died June 10, 1998, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; son, Randy; daughters, Patricia Imler and Mary Ann Lindt; and 2 grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted with private inurnment.

POWERS, Olive E. (Eithun), age 74; born Aug. 30, 1923, in Whalen, Minn.; died July 11, 1998, in Waunakee, Wis. She was a member of the Madison East (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry and Roger; daughters, Kitty Crary and Pat Powers; brother, Donald Eithun; sister, Fern Krause; 9 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond Plummer and Elder Dale Ziegele, and interment was in Prairie Mound Cemetery, Oregon, Wis.

SHARP, Elizabeth Jane, age 77; born Mar. 19, 1921, in Galesburg, Mich.; died June 10, 1998, in Marion, Ind. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her sons, Merrill Wolff and Wayne Sharp; daughters, Carla Cramer and Rhonda Dike; brother, Joe Grosswiler; sisters, Donna Jacobs and Myrna Hensley; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Curt DeWitt, and interment was in Thrailkill Cemetery, Swayzee, Ind.

STEVENS, Marjorie I. (Shanahan), age 75; born May 16, 1923, in Marion, Ind.; died July 26, 1998, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include her daugh-

ters, Shirley J. Clem, Vickie D. Fandrick, Kathy N. Sutton, and Penny D. Hacker, 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Hoffer, and interment was in North Shore Memorial Gardens Cemetery, St. Joseph, Mich.

STRIKER, Elizabeth, age 81; born Mar. 6, 1917, in Villa Grove, Ill.; died May 9, 1998, in West Point, Neb. She was a member of the Paris (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Marvin Perisho; daughters, Wanda Haynes and Linda Fitzgerald; stepdaughters, Anna Mae Norman and Marlene Colter; brother, Virgil Cornwell; sister, Louise Marrs; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry W. Clonch, and interment was in Sugar Grove Cemetery, Edgar County, Ill.

TATE, Gene A., age 63; born Nov. 11, 1928, in Reynolds, Ind.; died Jan. 30, 1998, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church, West Lafayette, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Gertzen); sons, Kenneth D. and Robert A.; daughters, Janice L. Thacker, Donna J. Williams, and Terri S. Neal; parents, Arthur and Pearl (Nelson); brother, Dan E.; and sisters, Loretta P. Lee and Betty M. Bair.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Vogt, and interment was in Rest Haven Cemetery, Lafayette.

WILLIAMS, Elmer, age 74; born Mar. 23, 1923, in Grand Island, Neb.; died Mar. 10, 1998, in Ionia, Mich. He was a member of the Ionia Church.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff and Elders Chuck Simpson and Gary Knowlton, and inurnment was in Grand Island Cemetery.

WOHLERS, Harry A., age 99; born Mar. 23, 1899, in Bunker Hill, Ill.; died May 29, 1998, in Holly, Mich. He was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn C. (Gram Hansen); sons, Dorison and Fred; daughters, Harriette Mason and Vesta Gutsche; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were con-

ducted by Pastor Alvaro Souza and Elder Earl Zager, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

WOELKERS, Ella P. (Sandula), age 81; born June 27, 1916, in Detroit; died Apr. 18, 1998, in Detroit. She was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, John A. Sr.; son, Edward Peyton; stepson, John A. Woelkers Jr.; daughter, Antonia Smith; stepdaughters, Diane L. Woelkers, Debbie Piaski, and Dorothy Pilarski; 4 grandchildren; and 8 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

WOOD, Ethel M. (Marsh), age 92; born July 20, 1905, in Mercer City, Ill.; died June 17, 1998, in Forest Grove, Ore. She was a member of the Emmanuel Missionary College Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, William M.; daughter, Marie A. Catlin; 5 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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Churches, schools, and conferences may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald through their local conference offices. Institutions and organizations outside the Lake Union may submit announcements to the e-mail address listed in the masthead on page 31. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Calendar of October events: Oct. 9—NET '98 begins and continues until Nov. 14; meets Fri., Sat., Sun., Tues., Wed., 7:15–8:30 p.m.; 18–19—College Days for academy and high-school seniors.

LAKE UNION

Special Days: Oct. 3—Children's Sabbath; 3–10—Health Education Week; 17—Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath; 24—Pathfinder Sabbath; 31—Ingathering campaign begins. Nov. 7—Stewardship Sabbath; 7–14—Week of Prayer; 14—Human Relations Sabbath.

Offerings: Oct. 3—Outreach/Church Budget; 10—Voice of Prophecy/World Budget; 17—Church Budget; 24—Local Con-

ference Advance; 31—Local Church. Nov. 7—Outreach/Church Budget; 14—Annual Sacrifice/World Budget.

INDIANA

Indiana Academy Alumni Homecoming, Oct. 9–10, at Cicero, Ind. This year's honor classes are '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. Golf extravaganza planned for Friday. Weekend events will include a tribute to the IA school song, a retirement tribute for Chuck Trubey, and a special musical vespers on Sabbath evening.

Donate your used car to the Indiana Academy technology/vocational program. Your tax-deductible gift will serve as a learning tool for class and then be sold to support the ongoing growth of that department. For more in-

formation, call Indiana Academy (317) 984-3575.

WORLD CHURCH

JoyRiver, the Internet evangelism project of the Oregon Conference, will be providing live chats on the official NET '98 website via the Internet. These chats will be staffed by volunteer pastors in several different languages. For more information go to <<http://www.net98.org>>.

Union College Academy/College View Academy Alumni Homecoming, Oct. 9–11, at Lincoln, Neb. Honor classes are '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. An exciting weekend is planned for all former students, faculty, parents, and friends. A special Friday evening buffet and vespers is planned. Mark your calendars. For more information and buffet tickets, call Debbie Jensen Peters by Sept. 15 at (402) 423-3555.

Sandia View Academy Alumni Reunion, Oct. 9–11, at Corrales, N. M. Various activities are planned. Sabbath school and church will be held at Corrales Church. For more details or to RSVP, call Kerri Guerin at (505) 890-5367 or send e-mail to svaalumni@furrs.com

If you have Muslim friends, family, business or professional associates, learn how to improve your Adventist-Muslim relations by attending the Islamic Relations Seminar, Oct. 12–17, at the Review and Herald Publ. Assoc., Hagerstown, Md. This six-day session will help you to understand "true believers," teach you how to worship with "true believers," and equip you to lead a small group of "true believers." The \$200 cost includes six days of food, lodging, and materials. Congregations and conferences should consider sending two or more delegates. For information contact North American Division, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600; (301) 680-6416.

Raymond Turner, one of the original King's Heralds, will turn 90 on Oct. 22. Please help us surprise him with a card shower. Elder Turner is still singing to the glory of God! Send cards to Raymond Turner, HC52 Box 418, Grafard, TX 76045.

Pathfinder Leaders: Don't miss the opportunity to attend the third and final "walk around" and obtain the latest information for the *Discover the Power* camporee. You are invited to meet at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., Sunday, Nov. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (800) YOUTH-2-U.

Win an authentic leather bomber jacket by being the person who writes the new *Discover the Power* Pathfinder camporee theme song. Send your original and creative song lyrics, music score, and chords, along with a demo tape to Bernie Anderson, Pathfinder Camporee, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. All entries must be received by Dec. 15, 1998. The programming committee will review all entries and award the bomber jacket to the winner.

Volunteers are needed to help make the *Discover the Power* Pathfinder camporee (50-year celebration of Pathfinding) a real success. Aug. 10–14, 1999, in Oshkosh, Wis. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the camporee experience. To receive your volunteer's application, contact AdventSource at (800) 328-0525 right away. They will be happy to send you as many applications as you need.

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date July 30, 1998

Average Membership Basis			1998		1997		Increase	%	Per Capita	
1998	1997	Conference	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	1998	1997	
11,238	11,359	Illinois	4,282,696	4,176,951	105,745	2.53%	381.09	367.72		
5,798	5,710	Indiana	2,801,974	2,466,620	335,354	13.60%	483.27	431.98		
23,102	22,733	Lake Region	4,641,784	4,089,024	552,760	13.52%	200.93	179.87		
23,307	23,390	Michigan	12,040,744	11,195,549	845,194	7.55%	516.61	478.65		
<u>6,190</u>	<u>6,179</u>	Wisconsin	<u>2,461,774</u>	<u>2,369,645</u>	<u>92,128</u>	<u>3.89%</u>	<u>397.70</u>	<u>383.50</u>		
69,635	69,371	Totals	26,228,971	24,297,789	1,931,181	7.95%	376.66	350.26		
Tithe per Week			874,299	809,926	43,248	5.44%				

Sunset Calendar

	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Berrien Springs, MI	7:14	7:03	6:52	5:43	5:34	5:27
Chicago	6:19	6:08	5:58	4:48	4:39	4:32
Detroit	7:02	6:50	6:40	5:30	5:21	5:14
Indianapolis	6:15	6:05	5:55	5:46	5:38	5:31
La Crosse, WI	6:32	6:20	6:09	4:59	4:49	4:41
Lansing, MI	7:06	6:54	6:44	5:34	5:25	5:17
Madison, WI	6:25	6:13	6:02	4:52	4:43	4:36
Springfield, IL	6:29	6:18	6:08	4:59	4:51	4:45

Teens, young adults, and ministry enthusiasts are invited to the cyber grand opening of eXtreme Mission 98 World Wide Web site. Youth and young adult ministry links include: Adventist PlusLine, eXcite98, Dream*Vision Ministries, John Hancock Center for Youth Ministry, Piece of the Pie Ministries, ServiceStation, Youth-Online, Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Summit Ministries, Youth for Christ, Youth Specialties, Youth with a Mission, Youth Pastor .Com. Access eXtreme Mission 98 at <<http://www.youthnet-extreme.com>>.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4

Faith For Today: "Jesus in Blue Jeans" with author Laurie Beth Jones.

It Is Written: "El Niño Watch"

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Seven Questions Mankind Is Asking" (Siete Preguntas Que Los Hombres Hacen)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and Religion"—Part 2; **Mon-Fri:** "The Lottery Queen—I."

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Faith For Today: "The Wonder Years."

It Is Written: "The Cruellest Weapon."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Eight Principles for Optimum Health" (Ocho Principios Para Una Salud Óptima).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and the Relatives"—Part 1; **Mon-Fri:** "The Lottery Queen—II."

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18

Faith For Today: "Dying with Dignity."

It Is Written: "When Forever Falls Apart."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Prophecies about Christ" (Profecias Sobre Cristo).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and the Relatives"—Part 2; **Mon-Fri:** "Like a Rock"—A Visit with Peter."

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

Faith For Today: "Teens and Drugs" with actor Todd Bridges.

It Is Written: "Honest in Secret."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Closer than a Brother" (Mas Cercano que un Hermano).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and the Children"—Part 1; **Mon-Fri:** "A 'Must-see' Thursday Night."

Due to preemptions by individual stations, some programs may not be aired on the scheduled dates. *Feel free to record us.*

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Oct. 3, 11 a.m.—noon, ET—**Adventist Worship Hour;** Galaxy 6, channel 11.

Oct. 7, 7:30—8:30 p.m., ET—**First Wednesday;** Galaxy 6, channel 11.

Oct. 9, 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** satellite to be announced (TBA).

Oct. 10, 11 a.m.—noon, ET—**Adventist Worship Hour—NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 11; 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 9.

Oct. 11, 13, 14, 16, 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** satellite TBA.

Oct. 17, 11 a.m.—noon, ET—**Adventist Worship Hour—NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 11; 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 5.

Oct. 18, 20, 21, 23, 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** satellite TBA.

Oct. 24, 11 a.m.—noon, ET—**Adventist Worship Hour—NET '98;** satellite TBA; 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 5.

Oct. 25, 27, 28, 30, 7:15—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** satellite TBA.

Oct. 31, 11 a.m.—noon, ET—**Adventist Worship Hour—NET '98;** satellite TBA; 7:30—8:30 p.m., ET—**NET '98;** Galaxy 6, channel 9.

1998 College Days

October 18 & 19

Andrews University

All Lake Union academy and high school seniors are invited to attend this taste of college life.

Please call 800.253.2874 for further information. Registration takes place Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1:00 p.m. in Chan Shun Hall.

See you there!

Youth who dare care?

To See the City: A True Story

"We're almost there, guys! We're almost in the city!"

Three students saw its beauty from the bus's tinted window. It was Vienna, the capital of Austria. When the bus stopped, the restless three dashed from the station into this metropolis of Central Europe. They had made it to the city, and not by chance.

The three student missionaries—Amy, Isaac, and Vily—had just finished helping at a two-week day camp in Slovakia. They had seen dozens of kids come to Christ, and now they had one day to tour before leaving for America. They had an unquenchable thirst to see Vienna, even though it seemed impossible.

The city was only an hour

away from their headquarters, but the Slovakian natives thought it was crazy to go see it. They said there wasn't enough time. But the three American travelers were resolute. They were ready to seize the day.

8:00 a.m. Snoring. 10:00 a.m. Finally up. 12:00 noon. Tried to find a ride to the city. 2:30 p.m. Nothing. 4:00 p.m. Still nothing.

Discouragement began to distantly thunder in their minds. The day was almost over, and the more Amy, Isaac, and Vily tried to find a way to Vienna, the more it seemed hopeless. But at the brink of giving up, when they were about to forget it all, there was a breakthrough. They found a way, on a bus! The three jumped in it as it roared off to one of the world's great cities of art, culture, and music.

One hour later, Amy, Isaac, and Vily found themselves in Vienna. They set out on their journey downtown. As they strolled through the city park and then the narrow streets, they suddenly entered one of the spacious baroque squares. It was as if they had entered a dream of emperors and empresses, of Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven. They walked in awe of the horse-drawn carriages and majestic statues. They couldn't believe their eyes! And if that wasn't enough, they soon entered the king's courtyard. It was surrounded with row upon row of magnificent palaces and towering steeples. As they stood gazing, it was as if they were robed in 18th-century charm and 19th-century grandeur. All the comforts of the modern world magically mingled with the spirit of the past.

The stately palaces soon started to shadow. It was night. Two hours had flown by. Now it was time to head back. As Amy, Isaac, and Vily left the city, they were filled with satisfaction. They were also reminded of another city they needed to see—Zion, the celestial city of God, more beautiful than Vienna, Paris, London, and all the other beautiful cities in the world combined. With hearts filled, the three travelers determined that nothing would stop them from beholding its beauty.

Their hearts were now set on seeing the city of God.

William Hurtado



"But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."
Hebrews 11:16.

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Syreeta Robinson

Syreeta Aiesha Robinson, 18, is a member of Chicago Academy's 1998 graduating class. Syreeta joined Chicago Academy during her senior year and attended the Lake Union Conference Leadership Camp in Grayling, Mich. Her leadership skills were further developed throughout the school year as she presided over the student-run Leaders United in Christ (LUC), a group responsible for the school year's creative chapel exercises. "Syreeta's strong sense of dedication and organization were a significant part of LUC's success. These traits will prove invaluable to her as she continues through life," said LUC sponsor, Faith McGarrell.

Syreeta's ambition is to become a psychiatrist. Science teacher Jane Shields is confident that Syreeta will achieve her life's goals. "I observed qualities of perseverance and steadfastness in Syreeta's character in my physics and chemistry classes," Shields said.

Syreeta is the daughter of Taylor and Iris Robinson of Chicago, Ill., and is currently a freshman at the University of Chicago.

Antoniah Dionne Lewis, 18, a member of Chicago Academy's class of 1998, held many leadership roles and was chosen to attend the Lake Union Conference Leadership Camp two consecutive years. A member of the Chicago Academy Chorale, Antoniah's voice stands out as memorable and inspiring.

As a student, Antoniah maintained a solid academic record. She was a member of the National Honor Society for three consecutive years. She inspired her peers and was a joy to her teachers. "Antoniah was a joy to teach in chemistry and physics. I watched her grow intellectually in these areas," said science teacher Jane Shields. According to history teacher Kathy Shaw, "Her strength of character and purpose are strong assets for her future success."

The daughter of Anthony and Edrewnae Lewis of Chicago, Antoniah is a member of the New Life Church. She is now a freshman at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and plans to become a medical doctor.



Antoniah Lewis

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